

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid
2 chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local
3 enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to
4 select a valid general ledger account, comprising the steps
5 of:

6 establishing a communication link with an external
7 enterprise catalog system to build an appropriate chart of
8 accounts for a given company;

9 transmitting from said enterprise catalog system a
10 chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition
11 catalog system database in a local enterprise specified
12 format;

13 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
14 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a
15 given commodity and purchase period for said given
16 company, said description mapping account codes

17 selected by said administrator to a given commodity
18 code from an associated accounting system for use by a
19 requester to select the correct general ledger account
20 when doing financial validation on a requisition for
21 said commodities; [[and]]

22 administrator then associating a selected
23 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
24 for use in a requisition creation process; and

25 upon said requester selecting a commodity from a
26 commodity description document presenting said
27 commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting
28 process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial
29 worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers
30 and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
11 process, which displays line items which may be
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
18 said requisitioner.

1 4-13. [Canceled]

2 14. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
3 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
4 executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating
5 a valid chart of accounts from which an administrator can
6 facilitate and enable a requisitioner to select a valid
7 general ledger account, said method steps comprising:

8 establishing a communication link with an external
9 enterprise catalog system to build an appropriate chart of
10 accounts for a given company;

11 transmitting from said enterprise catalog system a
12 chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition
13 catalog system database;

14 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
15 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a
16 given commodity and purchase period, said description
17 mapping account codes selected by said administrator to
18 a given commodity code from an associated accounting
19 system for use by a requester to select the correct
20 general ledger account when doing financial validation
21 on a requisition for said commodities; [[and]]

22 said administrator then associating a selected
23 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
24 for use in a requisition creation process.; and

25 upon said requester selecting a commodity from a
26 commodity description document presenting said
27 commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting
28 process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial
29 worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers
30 and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner.

1 15. [Currently amended] A computer program product or
2 computer program element for executing the steps comprising:

3 establishing a communication link with an external
4 enterprise catalog system to build an appropriate chart of
5 accounts for a given company;

6 transmitting from said enterprise catalog system a
7 chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition
8 catalog system database;
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10 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
11 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a

12 given commodity and purchase period, said description
13 mapping account codes selected by said administrator to
14 a given commodity code from an associated accounting
15 system for use by a requester to select the correct
16 general ledger account when doing financial validation
17 on a requisition for said commodities; [[and]]

18 said administrator then associating a selected
19 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
20 for use in a requisition creation process; and

21 upon said requester selecting a commodity from a
22 commodity description document presenting said
23 commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting
24 process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial
25 worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers
26 and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner.

1 16. [Previously presented] The program storage device of
2 claim 14, said method steps further comprising:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 17. [Previously presented] The program storage device of
2 claim 15, said method steps further comprising:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
11 process, which displays line items which may be
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
18 said requisitioner.

1 18. [Previously presented] The computer program product or

2 computer program element of claim 15, said steps further
3 comprising:

4 requisitioner searching against commodities and
5 catalogs in commodity description documents and
6 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 19. [Previously presented] The computer program product or
2 computer program element of claim 18, said steps further
3 comprising:

4 administrator creating a company commodity document
5 including for each commodity code under each company, a
6 commodity category code, a short description, a long
7 description, key words, approvers, financial
8 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
9 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
10 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

11 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
12 process, which displays line items which may be
13 selected by said requisitioner; and

14 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with

15 fields which need to be selected or populated by
16 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
17 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
18 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
19 said requisitioner.

1 20. [Previously presented] The method of claim 3, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting system
4 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for
5 each account an account identifier and commodity
6 description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, associating a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 with a company commodity group document together with
10 information enabling said requisitioner to select a
11 correct commodity.

1 21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said
2 information including commodity description, approvers,
3 general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred
4 supplier.

1 22. [Previously presented] The program storage device of
2 claim 14, said method further comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting system
4 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for
5 each account an account identifier and commodity
6 description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, associating a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 with a company commodity group document together with
10 information enabling said requisitioner to select a
11 correct commodity.

1 23. [Previously presented] The program storage device of
2 claim 22, said information including commodity description,
3 approvers, general ledger account, route-to buyer, and
4 preferred supplier.